

## Calais Trails Committee

### Minutes (draft 9.11.14)

Meeting held 9.06.14, 12 noon, at 410 Robinson Hill Rd., Calais.

Members present: R. Cherington (Chair), G. Graham, T. Howe, B. Russell, R. Allen, T. Kaeding  
Public present: Ehren Miller-Nogueira.

This meeting was called in response to a request from the Calais Selectboard to “weigh-in” on a recent petition to throw up the class 4 portion of Bliss Rd.

Reed summarized the situation. The road in question is a ½ mile connector between the travelled portion of Bliss Rd. and Sand Hill Rd. It is badly washed out, wet, steep, and laden with fallen trees. It is bordered by stone walls for most of its length.

It is believed that three parties are petitioning to have the road discontinued: Geraldine Gilman, Alfred Larabee, and Tony Pearce. The involvement of the Trails Committee is limited to assessing the value of the road as a potential trail corridor.

There was discussion about the importance of town roads as public assets and a review of a written opinion Reed C. had drafted. Bill R. moved, and Toni K. seconded, that **the Trails Committee recommend to the Selectboard that the Town retain, at minimum, the full right-of-way for the class 4 portion of T.H. 18.** Approved unanimously.

It was understood that, unless there were reservations expressed by any of the Committee members within 48 hours, the written opinion would be attached to minutes in order to further clarify the Committee’s conclusion.

Motion to adjourn, made by Tim H., seconded by Toni K., approved unanimously at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully,  
Toni Kaeding

Appendix: Calais Trails Committee Opinion re: Town Highway 18, 09-06-14.